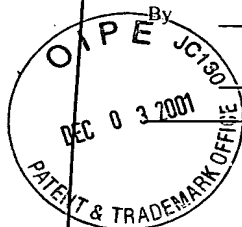


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: J. W. Coe et al.

Examiner: B. Coleman

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Group Art Unit: 1624

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Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2001, a Response to which is due on October 25, 2001. Applicants have submitted herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period of response up to and including November 25, 2001 and paid the requisite fee. Accordingly, this response is timely.

Applicants request the following amendments to the application be entered.

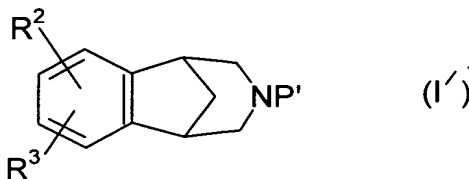
IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 16, 25 and 26.

Replace claims 14 and 15 with the amended version immediately following (marked-up versions are set forth in the Appendix hereto)

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14. (Twice Amended) A compound of the formula (I')



wherein R² and R³, together with the carbons to which they are attached, form a four to seven membered monocyclic, or ten to fourteen membered bicyclic, carbocyclic ring that can be

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